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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services
and Senate Appropriations - 21 September 1966

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations to discuss the Agency fiscal 1967 budget. Present from the Subcommittees were:

Richard B. Russell, Chairman
Stuart Symington
John Stennis
Leverett Saltonstall
Milton R. Young
Margaret Chase Smith

Staff personnel present were:

William Darden
William Woodruff

Present from the Agency were:

Richard Helms
L. K. White
Albert D. Wheelon
John Clarke

John S. Warner

The meeting commenced at 2:45 p.m. and ran through about 4:30. There was a sweep of the room and technical monitoring during the briefing. No transcript was taken.

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2. Mr. Helms said he was going to turn the presentation over to Colonel White and Colonel White went through a similar budget presentation as had been done for Mr. Mahon's Subcommittee on 13 May 1966. The briefing notes are attached. Colonel White's briefing included all of the significant facts in the prepared briefing notes.

3. In connection with Slide 16 dealing with consumers of finished intelligence, Senator Smith inquired whether there was any screening on the basis of sensitivity of the information furnished to congressional committees. It was stated that all information desired was made available to the CIA Subcommittees of the Senate as well as the House. With other committees, there was screening as to sensitivity and as to sources and methods. It was also pointed out that it was the Director's determination on the question of sensitivity as to what information could be released to other departments and agencies of the Government. It was pointed out that this was a statutory responsibility of the Director to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. It was indicated that in connection with other congressional committees the Director would seek guidance and assistance from the CIA Subcommittees.

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6. In connection with the political action teams, there was considerable discussion that this should not be conducted by CIA. Senator Russell specifically stated his doubts that we should continue with this since it does not have a direct intelligence aspect. It was made clear that the Agency agreed with this and the Director stated he would give it up now if he could.

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